



**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**November 2, 2006**

**For immediate release**

- 1. Deadline approaching for environmental awards**
- 2. EPC to discuss liquid manure application on soybean fields; grants to reduce non-point source pollution at November 14 meeting in Fort Dodge**

**DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS**

DES MOINES —The deadline is quickly approaching for the 2006 Governor's Iowa Environmental Excellence Awards. This premier environmental awards program, sponsored by Governor Vilsack and the State of Iowa, recognizes leadership and innovation in the protection of Iowa's water, land and air.

Awards will be given for overall environmental excellence and special recognition in water quality, waste management, energy efficiency/renewable energy, air quality and habitat restoration/development.

Categories for the awards include:

- Agriculture (operation, farm or other ag-related business or organization)
- Community/Local Government
- Small Business or Industry (up to 200 employees)
- Large Business or Industry (more than 200 employees)
- Institution/Public Sector Facility (hospital, college, school, etc.)
- Service/Civic/Nonprofit Organization (Kiwanis, Lions Club, Pheasants Forever, etc.)

The awards are sponsored by the Governor's Office, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the Iowa Department of Economic Development, the Iowa Department of Education, the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Iowa Waste Reduction Center.

The application deadline is November 13, 2006. To obtain an application, go to the Web site [www.iowadnr.com/other/ee/index.html](http://www.iowadnr.com/other/ee/index.html), or contact: Jill Cornell, Department of Natural Resources (515) 281-0879; e-mail: [Jill.Cornell@dnr.state.ia.us](mailto:Jill.Cornell@dnr.state.ia.us).

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## **EPC TO DISCUSS LIQUID MANURE APPLICATION ON SOYBEAN FIELDS; GRANTS TO REDUCE NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION AT NOVEMBER 14 MEETING IN FORT DODGE**

FORT DODGE – A controversial rule proposal that would limit application of liquid manure on fields going into soybeans and \$2.5 million in grants to reduce pollution are on the Nov. 14 agenda for the state Environmental Protection Commission.

The ban on liquid manure from confinements and effluent from open feedlots would be limited to those operations that are required to have a manure management plan or a nutrient management plan. Exceptions would be for wet springs where fields are too wet to plant to a crop like corn before June 1. If passed, there would be three years before the rule is effective.

Commissioners will also be asked to approve contracts totaling more than \$2.5 million to fund 13 watershed projects to improve water quality. The projects are designed to reduce pollution from nonpoint or diffuse sources. Funding comes from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act.

The regular EPC meeting will be held at 9 a.m. at the John F. Kennedy Park, 1415 Nelson Avenue in Fort Dodge. Public participation is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., with discussion of the subrule on manure application on soybeans scheduled for 1 p.m.

The meeting is open to the public.

A tour of the Mid-American Energy wind farm and an energy efficient house will precede the meeting on Monday afternoon in Fort Dodge.

The full agenda is as follows:

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Director's Remarks

Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Project Contracts

Contract – University of Iowa – Monitoring subsurface water quality

Contract - Aquadrill-Jeff Joslyn, Owner/Driller - Drilling for the STATEMAP Geologic Mapping Project

Contract – USGS – StreamStats

Contract - *Contractor* - Incorporate a Web-Based Compliance Inspection System into the Existing Underground Storage Tank (UST) Database

Contract – Salem Associates - Renewal for Water Supply Database Programming

Mercury Switch Removal, Collection and Recovery Plan

Final Rule – Adopt IAC 567 Chapter 215– “Mercury Added Switch Recovery from End-of-Life Vehicles ”

Notice of Intended Action - Ch. 65 Subrule prohibiting liquid manure application to soybeans

Notice of Intended Action – rescind 567-Chapter 113 “Sanitary Landfills: Municipal Solid Waste” and adopt the following new chapter in lieu thereof as 567-Chapter 113 “Sanitary Landfills for Municipal Solid Waste: Groundwater Protection Systems for the Disposal of Non-Hazardous Wastes”

Notice of Intended Action: Chapters 21, 22, 23, 25 and 34, Air Quality Program Rules - Updates, Revisions, and Additions

Notice of Intended Action, Chapter 61, Water Quality Standards, Section 401 Certification of Section 404 Nationwide Permits (NWP)

Referrals to the Attorney General

a) Bernard Cohrs and Cohrs Construction, Inc. (Dickinson County) - Solid Waste / Air Quality

b) Winter Mobile Home Park (Chad and Lona Sweitzer) (New Hampton) – Water Supply

c) Cargill, Incorporated / Mort’s, Inc. (Iowa Falls) – Wastewater / Solid Waste

Proposed Contested Case Decision - Goettsch Trucking and Seed, Inc. & Thomas Goettsch

Proposed Rule – Ch. 103.3, 104.26, 112.31, 114.31, 115.31, 118.16, 120.13, 121.8, 122.28, 122.29 and 123.12 & to amend rules 105.14, 106.18 - Financial Assurance Requirements

Proposed Rule - Chapter 81 – Operator Certification: Public Water Supply Systems And Wastewater Treatment Systems

Proposed Rule - Chapter 64 – Sewer Extension Construction Permit Provisions

Proposed Rule - Chapters 67 – Updates and Revisions

2007 EPC Meeting Schedule

Monthly Reports

General Discussion

- Upcoming Meetings
- December 5, 2006 – Des Moines
- January 2, 2007 – Des Moines

Items for next month's meeting

More information about the agenda items can be found on the DNR Web site under Commissions and Boards at [www.iowadnr.com](http://www.iowadnr.com).

The members of the commission are Jerry Peckumn, chair, Jefferson; Francis Thicke, vice chair, Fairfield; Lisa Davis-Cook, secretary, West Des Moines; Donna Buell, Spirit Lake; Mary Gail Scott, Cedar Rapids; David Petty, Eldora; Suzanne Morrow, Storm Lake; Henry Marquard, Muscatine and Darrell Hanson, Manchester. The director of the DNR is Jeff Vonk.

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